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EBERSWALDE Sitrep (26th August - 7 Sept 53)

1. Summary

A. ARTILLERIE Kaserne

5 JS IIs

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B. SCHUETZEN and PANZER Kaserne

5 JS IIs drove out to ARTILLERIE Kaserne.

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C. AA Site

2 T 34/85s drove out of site to station and were loaded onto flats.

D. Railway Station:

One T 34/85, on flat, without locomotive.

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2. (a) ARTILLERIE Kaserne

(b) Estimated number of occupants: 1000

(c) Officers: 20 wore black/red with Tank insignia; 4 wore green/pink.

ORs: 37 wore black/red; of these 19 wore Tank, 2 Transport and 2 Signals insignia. One female wore black/red with Signals insignia.

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(d) i) 5 JS IIs were parked within the barracks with their engines running.

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- (f) During the period [] activity was confined to sport; all personnel taking part being young and with shaven heads.

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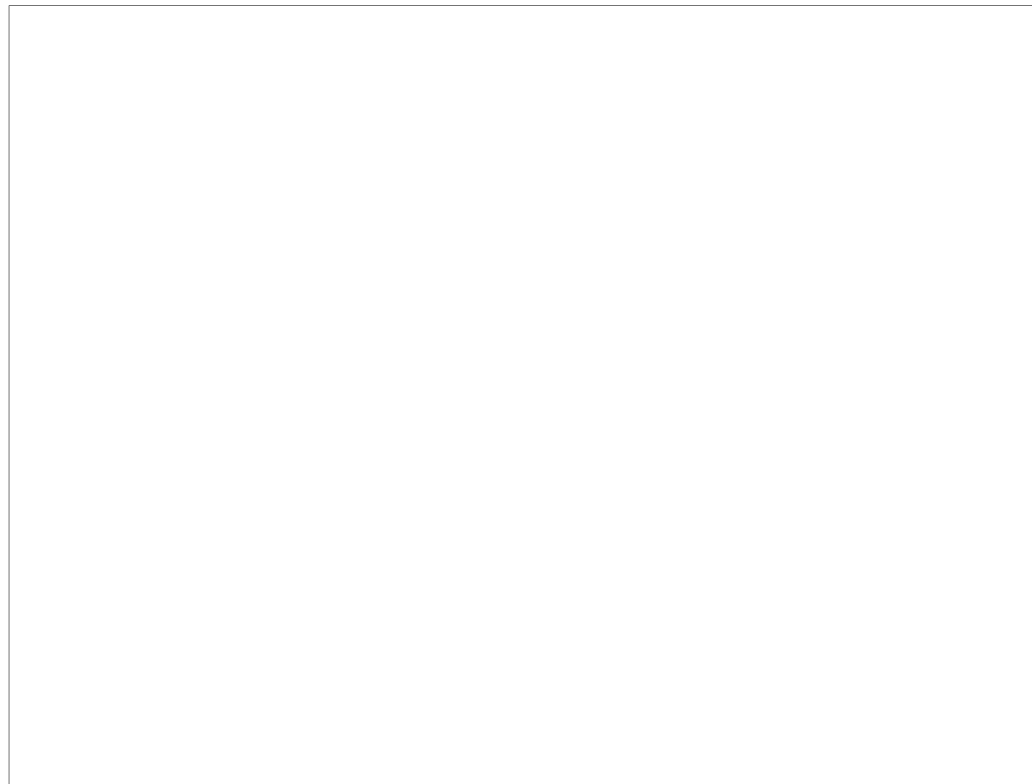
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- (a) SCHUETZEN Kaserne and PANZER Kaserne
- (b) Estimated number of occupants: 2000
- (c) Officers: 74 wore black/red; of these 28 wore Tank, 18 wore Arty, 6 Transport and 5 Signals insignia. 17 wore red/black, 14 green/pink, 3 black/blue, without insignia.
- ORs: 54 wore black/red; of these 11 wore Tank, 14 Arty, 8 Transport and 2 Signals. 25 female ORs wore black/red; of these 9 wore Tank and 5 Arty insignia.

- (d) On 28 Aug 53, 5 JS IIs drove out of the barracks and into the ARTILLERIE Kaserne. One of the tanks, [] appeared to have defects in its tracks, and could not be steered properly.

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- (f) i) On 28 Aug 53, approx 40 ORs, wearing black/red sbds, some with Signals insignia, were constructing telephone communications consisting of 12 light field cable, which led from the area South of the barracks and across the Tramper Chaussee.
- ii) 200 ORs were drawn up on parade in two ranks; 10 officers stood at the front of the parade.
- iii) 17 ORs wearing black/red sbds, without insignia, marched, under the command of an officer wearing Arty insignia, from the rifle ranges into the barracks. They were equipped with machine carbines and used targets.

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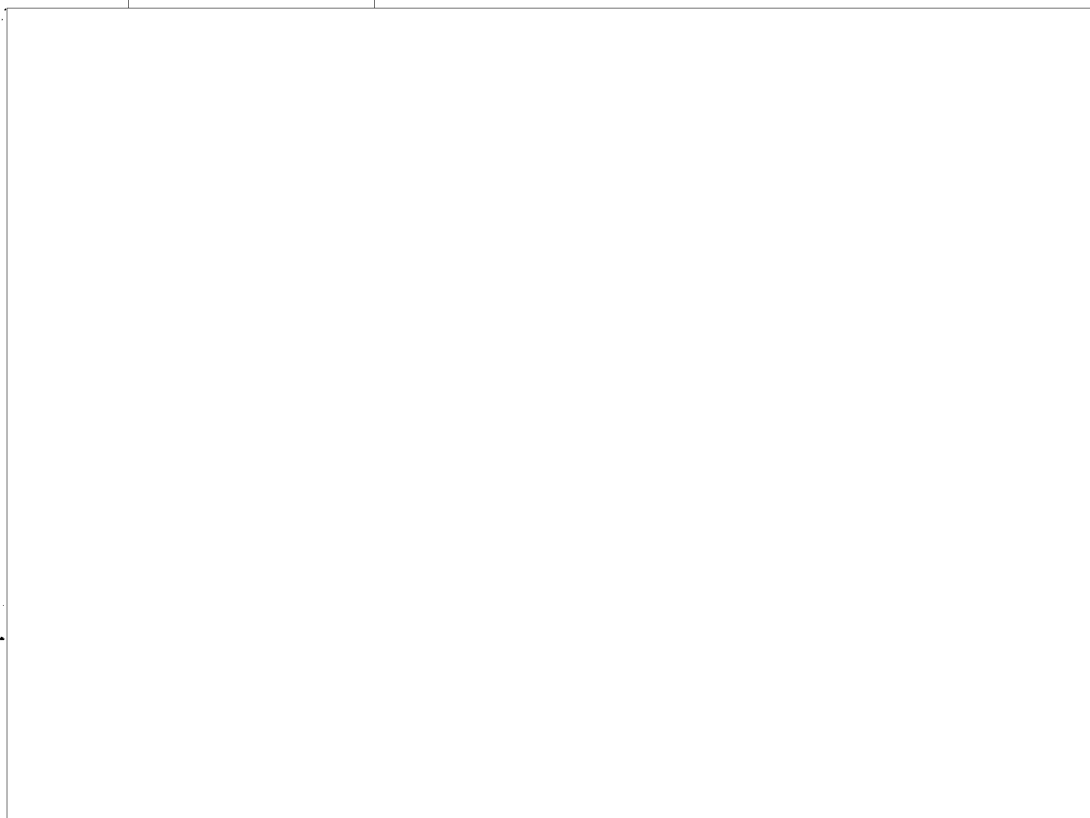
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- iv) Uninterrupted rifle firing was heard to come from the ranges [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- v) The sound of pistol firing was heard to come from the barracks.
- vi) 5 Sep 53: Approx 25 ORs were throwing dummy hand grenades, aiming the grenades into fox holes. Each OR had 3 throws; the grenades were roughly constructed out of wood.
- vii) Rifle firing was heard to come from the ranges.
- viii) 7 Sep 53: 23 ORs wearing black/red sbds, some with Tank insignia, marched towards the ranges carrying rifles; uninterrupted rifle firing was heard to come from the ranges.

- 4. (a) AA Site (West-end Schule)
- (b) There was no change in the AA site, 4 x 37 mm AA guns remaining in emplacement and covered with tarpaulins. On 28 Aug 53, 2 T 34/85 tanks [redacted] drove out of the AA site to the railway station and were there loaded onto flats. 9 ORs, wearing black/red sbds, 3 with Tank insignia, left the AA site and marched to the railway station. 50X1-HUM

- 5. (a) EBERSWALDE Railway Station
- A civilian goods train, standing in EBERSWALDE station on 28 Aug 53, included one flat loaded with a T 34/85 tank, 50X1-HUM



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